

To : Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

From : Gerry Hyland, Supervisor
Mount Vernon District

Subject: **BOARD MATTERS for February 26, 2013**

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For your consideration, I submit the following Board Matters accompanied by a brief explanation. Your support will be appreciated.

- 1. Request for Concurrent Processing for RZ/FDP 2013-MV-001**
- 2. Request to Recognize Jessica Strother on the Occasion of Her Retirement from Urban Forest Management Division**
- 3. Request to Recognize the Contribution of Dominion Power to Support the Fairfax County Park Foundation's Arts in the Park Summer Concert Series**

1. Request for Expedited and Concurrent Processing for RZ/FDP 2013-MV-001

Background

A&R Huntington, LLC, is developing land adjacent to the Huntington Metro Station. This development will continue the amazing transformation of the Huntington Transit Area into a higher density, urban core within walking distance to mass transit. Their proposal has the support of the Huntington Civic Association and Mount Vernon Council. The Board of Supervisors has previously approved their Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Housing Conservation Plan Amendment to permit the development. A and R Development now requests expedited and concurrent processing of their site plan so construction can begin sooner.

Proposed Action

Therefore, Madam Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors authorize expedited and concurrent processing of the site plans for applications RZ/FDP 2013-MV-001 on tax map numbers 83-1 ((8)) lots 8,92A, 92B, 93A, 93B and 94A.

This motion should not be construed as a favorable recommendation on any application by the Board, and does not relieve the applicant from compliance with the provisions of any applicable ordinances, regulations or adopted standards. This action in no way prejudices the substantive review of the application.

2. Request to Recognize Jessica Strother on the Occasion of Her Retirement from Urban Forest Management Division

Background

Jessica Strother will retire from Fairfax County on March 8th after thirty-one years of dedicated public service. In 1982, Jessie started with the Fairfax County Park Authority as an Assistant Park Naturalist at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park and helped coordinate the opening of the new Walney Visitor Center. Two years later, she transitioned to the Office of the County Arborists in the Department of Environmental Management and worked as an Arborist Inspector for the Sully, Providence, Lee and Mount Vernon Districts. Since I took office in 1988, Jessie has been our go to person for all arboreal issues in the Mount Vernon District.

Over the course of her career, she coordinated and managed a countywide agency work group to address tree preservation on county properties. She worked on the Fairfax County Tree-Action plan, the County Perennial Stream Protection Policy Team and was a founding member of the Northern Virginia Urban Forest Roundtable. She assisted with the ceremony to commemorate the beautiful one hundred and thirty years old Sherwood Hall Willow Oak that the Virginia Department of Transportation had to remove due to disease. Her efforts to have a dendrochronologist date and study the tree have helped us learn about climate patterns in Fairfax County going back to the 1870s.

Proposed Action

Therefore, Madam Chairman, I ask, with unanimous consent, that the Board of Supervisors direct the Office of Public Affairs to invite Jessica Strother and the Urban Forestry Division to come before the Board to recognize her for her service to Fairfax County.

3. Request to Recognize the Contribution of Dominion Power to Support the Fairfax County Park Foundation's Arts in the Park Summer Concert Series

Background

Dominion Power has been a major sponsor for Fairfax County's Arts in the Park Summer Concert Series for several years. Their recent donation of \$8,000 will help ensure the continuation of this popular free concert series. Other donors, like Cox Communications, AAA Recycling and Trash Removal Services, Davis Industries, Envirosolutions, ExxonMobil and Vulcan Materials and members of the community have all helped make the concert series a success. With frigid February coming to a close, I cannot wait for the sun, summer and concerts at Grist Mill Park and the Workhouse Arts Center as well as the other locations across Fairfax County.

Proposed Action

Therefore, Madam Chairman, I ask, with unanimous consent, that the Board of Supervisors direct staff send a letter, on behalf of the Board, thanking Dominion Power for their contribution.

Enclosure